

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

It is respectfully requested that the claims be amended as specified in the section beginning on page 4 of this Response, to overcome the objections to claims 12-13 and 15-16 outlined in the 6/28/05 Office Action, as well as the rejections of claims 7, 10 under 35 USC § 112, and for purposes of overall clarity. It is thus respectfully requested that these amendments to the claims be entered herein.

1) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device useful for retrofitting rifles with a scope mounting means which comprises:

- a) a central portion shaped substantially in the form of a rectangular solid, having a top surface, a bottom surface, a right side surface, a left side surface, a front end portion, a rear end portion, and a longest length dimension;
- b) a right wing portion attached to said right side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said right wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;
- c) a left wing portion attached to said left side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said left wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;

wherein said central portion includes a first scope mount receiving hole and a second scope mount receiving hole disposed through its top surface which extend through said bottom surface, which scope mount receiving holes are adapted to receive pins of a scope mount, and wherein said front end portion of said central portion further includes a ~~third~~ roll pin receiver hole disposed through said right side surface which extends through to said left side surface.

2) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1 wherein the bores of said first and said second scope mount receiving holes ~~disposed through said top surface of said central portion~~ are smooth.

3) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1 wherein said central portion further includes a ~~third hole~~ an elevation adjustment bore disposed through its top surface which extends through said bottom surface, which ~~third hole~~ elevation adjustment bore includes threads on its inner surface, said ~~third hole~~ elevation adjustment bore being disposed between said first and said second hole disposed through the top surface of said central portion.

4) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1 wherein said central portion further includes a ~~first and second hole~~ left front scope mount lock bore and a left rear scope mount lock bore disposed through said left side surface, each having a centerline perpendicular, respectively, to said first and said second ~~hole~~ scope mount receiving holes disposed through said central portion, and wherein said ~~first and second hole~~ left front scope mount lock bore and left rear scope mount lock bore through said left side surface each intersect with said ~~first and second hole~~ scope mount receiving holes disposed through said top surface of said central portion.

5) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1 wherein said central portion further includes a ~~first and second hole~~ right front scope mount lock bore and a right rear scope mount lock bore disposed through said right side surface, each having a centerline perpendicular, respectively, to said first and said second ~~hole~~ scope mount receiving holes disposed through said central portion, and wherein said ~~first and second hole~~ right front scope mount lock bore and right rear scope mount lock bore through said right side surface each intersect with said ~~first and second hole~~ scope mount receiving holes disposed through said top surface of said central portion.

6) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 4 wherein said central portion further includes a ~~first and second hole~~ right front scope mount lock bore and a right rear scope mount lock bore disposed through said right side surface, each having a centerline perpendicular, respectively, to said first and said second ~~hole~~ scope mount receiving holes disposed through said central portion, and wherein said ~~first and second hole~~ right front scope mount lock bore and right rear scope mount lock bore through said right side surface each intersect with said ~~first and second hole~~ scope mount receiving holes disposed through said top surface of said central portion.

7) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1 further comprising a ~~fourth hole~~ threaded bore disposed through said top surface of said central portion at said front end portion, wherein said ~~fourth hole~~ threaded bore extends through to said bottom surface, and wherein said ~~fourth hole~~ threaded bore includes threads on its inner surface, said ~~fourth hole~~ threaded bore intersecting with a ~~third~~ said roll pin receiver hole disposed through said right side surface which extends through to said left side surface .

8) (CANCELLED)

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10) (CANCELLED)

11) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rifle, wherein said rifle comprises a rear sight mount to which a device which comprises:

a) a central portion shaped substantially in the form of a rectangular solid, having a top surface, a bottom surface, a right side surface, a left side surface, a front end portion, a rear end portion, and a longest length dimension;

b) a right wing portion attached to said right side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said right wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;

c) a left wing portion attached to said left side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said left wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;

wherein said central portion includes a first scope mount receiving hole and a second scope mount receiving hole disposed through its top surface which s extend through said bottom surface, which scope mount receiving holes are adapted to receive pins of a scope mount, and wherein said front end portion of said central portion further includes a roll pin receiver hole disposed through said right side surface which extends through to said left side surface
~~according to claim 1~~ is affixed by virtue of a fastener commonly disposed through said rear sight mount and said ~~third~~ roll pin receiver hole ~~disposed through said right side surface of said device~~
~~according to claim 1 .~~

12) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rifle according to claim 11 which is ~~further provided with~~
further comprises a scope mount attached to said device ~~according to claim 1 .~~

13) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rifle according to claim 12 wherein said scope mount ~~includes~~ has a sighting means selected from the group consisting of: a telescopic scope and a red dot scope attached thereto.

14) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rifle, wherein said rifle comprises a rear sight mount to which a device which comprises:

a) a central portion shaped substantially in the form of a rectangular solid, having a top surface, a bottom surface, a right side surface, a left side surface, a front end portion, a rear end portion, and a longest length dimension;

b) a right wing portion attached to said right side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said right wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;

c) a left wing portion attached to said left side surface of said central portion and extending below said bottom surface of said central portion, wherein said left wing portion comprises at least one threaded hole disposed therethrough;

wherein said central portion includes a first scope mount receiving hole and a second scope mount receiving hole disposed through its top surface which extend through said bottom surface, which scope mount receiving holes are adapted to receive pins of a scope mount, and wherein said front end portion of said central portion further includes a roll pin receiver hole disposed through said right side surface which extends through to said left side surface, wherein said central portion further includes an elevation adjustment bore disposed through its top surface

which extends through said bottom surface, which elevation adjustment bore includes threads on its inner surface, said elevation adjustment bore being disposed between said first scope mount receiving hole and said second scope mount receiving hole according to claim 3 is affixed by virtue of a fastener commonly disposed through said rear sight mount and said roll pin receiver hole disposed through said right side surface of said device according to claim 3 .

15) (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rifle according to claim 14 which is further provided with a scope mount attached to said device ~~according to claim 3~~.

16) (ORIGINAL) A rifle according to claim 15 wherein said scope mount includes a sighting means selected from the group consisting of: a telescopic scope and a red dot scope attached thereto.

17) (CANCELLED)